Development and trials of missiles

937. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of development and trials of various missiles such as Prithvi, Agni, BrahMos, Sagarika, Akash and Trishul;

(b) by when these missiles would be ready for use by the defence forces;

(c) whether it is a fact that the 23 year old missile programme is haunted by technical glitches, time and cost overruns; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Prithvi and Agni strategic missile systems, with their variants, have been inducted in the Indian Armed Forces. Development of Akash and Trishul surface to air missiles and anti-tank missile Nag, is complete and Users have been requested to place orders. The supersonic cruise missile BrahMos has gone through successful flight trials for the Indian Navy and Army from ship and land mobile platforms, respectively. Production orders have been received. There is no missile project by name "Sagarika".

(c) and (d) The Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme started in 1983 consists of five missile-Agni, Prithvi, Akash, Trishul and Nag. Strategic systems Agni and Prithvi have been completed alongwith their varians for the Services. With regard to Trishul, Akash and Nag, there were certain technical problems and all these have been subsequently solved.

Custodial deaths reported to NHRC

938. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of custodial deaths reported to National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) from various States/UTs, particularly Andhra Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the action taken by Government against the erring police officers;

(c) the details of the guidelines issued by the Central Government to States/UTs on the basis of the observations of Hon'ble Supreme Court on